

INTRODUCING NEW OR REVISED BMPs TO A COST SHARE PROGRAM

The commission encourages the continued search for new and innovative means to improve water quality and quantity in North Carolina. Cost Share Programs are vehicles for introducing new and improved BMPs that will protect the State's surface and ground waters. Each cost share program has a specific committee that advises the commission. These committees are as follows:

- Agriculture Cost Share Program: Technical Review Committee
- Community Conservation Assistance Program: CCAP Advisory Committee
- Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program: AgWRAP Review Committee

The commission holds that a standard procedure for introducing a new best management practice (BMP) or a revised BMP to a cost share programs should be as follows:

1. Committee members, districts, or individuals interested in a new BMP should submit to the division:
 - a. Name and definition of the BMP
 - b. Support information on the need for the BMP
 - c. Substantiation that the BMP meets the intent of the cost share program
 - d. Justification for the average or actual cost of the BMP
2. The Division will:
 - a. Review documentation for the new or revised BMP
 - b. Present in conjunction with the originator to the committee
 - c. Present the committee's recommendation (with sufficient support information) to the commission
 - d. Notify the districts of the commission's determination of approval, denial or further study
 - e. Revise cost lists to reflect new or revised BMP information
3. Recommendations of the committees may be appealed to the commission upon written request.